

REMARKS

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

This is in response to the restriction requirement mailed February 18, 2005. Presently, claims 1-41 are pending and subject to restriction. With this response, claim 17 is amended to include recitation of the latch pathway similar to that of claim 1. Basis for the amended language may be found in claim 1. Additionally, new claim 42 is presented to recite the relationship of the modules and a mounting panel assembly of an electronic sign. Basis for the new claim is present at least in FIG. 2 and FIGS. 14-18, and the discussion at pages 28-33. No new matter has been added.

Applicant elects, with traverse, Invention II (claims 17-40) for examination at this time.

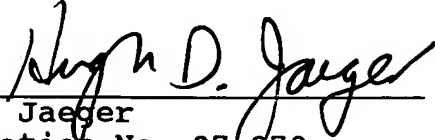
In the Office action, restriction was required, in part, between Invention I (claims 1-16), Invention II (claims 17-40) and Invention II (claim 41). In explaining the reasons for the restriction, the Examiner indicated that Invention II has separate utility from Invention I. However, it is respectfully submitted that because of the accompanying amendment to claim 17, the distinction between the combination and subcombination relied upon by the Examiner has been eliminated. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that the related portion of the requirement be reconsidered, and be either withdrawn or modified. All claims should now be examined.

If there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this patent application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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